**Thesis Organizer**

**“In your scenario, was the United States government justified in limiting personal rights for national security?”**

**Step One**

**Brainstorm:** List everything you know and research related to the question.

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**Step Two**

**Organize & create subtopics:** Organize your brainstorm list into 3 subtopics and write details about each.

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| **Subtopic 1: ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  | **Subtopic 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  | **Subtopic 3:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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**Step Three**

**Take a position:** Decide how to organize your subtopics into a position. There are two options (your thesis should reflect this *form*, not this exact fill-in-the-blank sentence.

1. One-sided:

The US government was \_\_X\_\_ in limiting \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_S1\_\_, \_\_S2\_\_, and \_\_S3\_\_.

1. Two-sided: (with emphasis on one side over the other)

Although \_\_S1\_\_, the US government was \_\_X\_\_ in limiting \_\_\_X\_\_ because \_\_S2\_\_ and \_\_S3\_\_.

***Reminder:***  A thesis is a guiding statement that lays out the writer’s position and subtopics.

A thesis statement must:

1. Take a position (it must be debatable)
2. Fully address the question, including the rights involved and time period
3. Provide 3 subtopics

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